



MEETING NOTES

Intelligence Directorate/Intelligence Services Branch

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Participants: M. Patterson (Chair); K. Bryden, R. Drummond, C. Rheaume, K. Kennedy, R. Lucas, D. Palmer, R. Bernier, M.-A. Sheehy, C. Brown, D. Hull, C. Kiez, G. Bouris, T. Quinn, K. Stuurop, L. Blondin (recorder)

TOPIC	Info/Intel for Convoy
INTELLIGENCE	M. Patterson: Email received from Gatineau with regard to the two convoy captains, if identifying with convoy? Apparently in-fighting between them as to who will have control of this conflict. G. Bouris: Reached out to Isabelle Cyr working in PLT function with Special Events who indicated she tried to reach them last night but had no return phone calls. M. Patterson: NCRCC earlier opening? Needing confirmation. R. Lucas: Still having conversations, but no confirmation of earlier opening, but will open at 1300 at latest. M. Patterson: From Intel side – info as to numbers, threats, POIs. G. Bouris: Intel perspective in relation to credible POIs, very fluid still. All online report, nothing credible per se to investigate and to source. REDACTED REDACTED downtown, we will have observation teams in case there is offshoot of targets, still organizing with OPP and hopefully by Friday, have a clearer picture in relation to high-value POIs to ensure all are aware. M. Patterson: Comment made on call, that REDACTED was arrested. Do we have confirmation of that? G. Bouris: REDACTED was arrested. He is from Nova Scotia. Firearms were seized, was released with no travel restrictions. His current whereabouts unknown. Will follow up at today's JIG call with our partners C. Brown: Was speaking with a sergeant from York PS today and they have an interest in that group. He had posted a video of himself drunk waving a gun and they went in on a public safety warrant and took his PAL. He said he is definitely on his way here, unknown if accompanied by how many. M. Patterson: Mentioned on INTERSECT call and would be prudent to bring to JIG – peaceful friendly convoy demo has become Project Bear Hug. Captains speaking to each other and interjecting their own opinion which changes flavour in relation to what they are coming here to do. They now have an excavator as part of their convoy. REDACTED REDACTED Also brought up on call - will this be a protracted event – earlier info saying they would arrive earlier on the 29th and going to Quebec on 30th. REDACTED REDACTED R. Lucas: REDACTED C. Bouris: Different factions, all online communication, nothing credible to investigate. M. Patterson: From PLT, is there real-time information from our partners in western region that RE are joining convoy? G. Bouris: In direct contact with REDACTED and only getting numbers in relation to possible RE who may cause issues in Ottawa. M. Patterson: REDACTED REDACTED

OPERATIONAL SUPPORT	R. Lucas: No change in planning. Still working hard with convoy leaders to get the buy-in, they know they are not going to get downtown. From PLTs, know there is a lot of infighting and one of the informal leaders seems to have lost his position with Northeast convoy from BC. Chief would have name of who it was specifically, but there seems to be a lot of infighting, convoys trying to beat other convoys get best locations downtown. So that may have a bit of influx on which groups arrive when and what the impacts are for downtown. PLTs are doing a fair amount of work. There was a media release by one of the organizers out west who is trying to distance themselves from these fringe organizations and are saying they are not part of that. Hoping that our PLTs were able to leverage some of that with the convoy groups as far as them packing up and leaving early. M. Patterson: REDACTED REDACTED R. Lucas: REDACTED REDACTED K. Stuurops: REDACTED REDACTED
TRAFFIC	M. Patterson: From law enforcement partners and other partners in relation to traffic and impacts – one question/concern posed (by my wife who is a school principal), parents/school boards specifically those in the areas where convoy might be staging, how school buses departing or coming into the schools. R. Lucas: “Higher level” – working with them, there is some compliance. When we look at places like where they powed the field out in bars, there is buy-in that they are not all going to get downtown. But it’s the private motor vehicles that are jumping in the motorcades we don’t know if they will abide by same code of conduct that truckers are following and that could create issues. Our message to everybody is there will be traffic chaos in the city for Saturday and Sunday for sure. Then it will come down to how many people actually leave or stay. I am praying for really, really cold weather. R. Bernier: Very good traffic briefing this morning from D. Hull with Sir George Etienne, SJAM and downtown influx. I didn’t hear anything about the bridges, what the plan is. On various news this AM, there was talk about a Lachute group coming up, forming up in Gatineau and then crossing over. K. Kennedy: Five bridges are coordinated with Gatineau and SQ. There is a demo planned to gather on QC side, cross Alexandra Bridge and then march to the Hill; 3,000 in that group. The Alexandra Bridge is not for vehicles. Gatineau can transition some vehicles in Gatineau to come across Chaudière and Portage bridges which will feed into our staging area, so not an issue. Majority of traffic from Lachute and other regions will come down the 50 and 5, will merge, will be sent across the bridge and to prevent stoppages on QC side or on bridge itself, we are filtering that traffic down King Edward to Rideau, Rideau to Elgin southbound, Elgin Southbound to Laurier, Laurier over to QED and to directed down QED, to park and walk to wherever they want to go. The risk in doing that is they may get to a certain point and say, I am stopping here at which point Traffic will have to manage. Hopefully, if all runs well, enough movement and pspace over QED that traffic coming across will flow and not impede with anything. R. Bernier: Giving briefing to my shift managers and comm so they have an idea to manage their calls. C. Rhéaume: Denis is on the call now. M. Patterson: Will something be communicated to school boards regarding traffic when students will be dismissed? D. Hull: As diplomatic liaison officer, I am also getting calls from embassies downtown and GAT that have been forwarded to PLT team and they are supposed to be sending out messages. R. Lucas: Has gone out on INTERSECT, we have done media releases, we have briefed council, PSB, Mayor’s office, message out to BIAs, INTERSECT has reached out to anyone who is a member of INTERSECT. Message is: We are getting 1,000’s trucks/vehicles in downtown core,

	stay out of downtown and then refer people to the website for more current information, will push out info through Twitter and through Duty Inspector, the Command Centre to provide info as it changes.
MISCELLANEOUS (Arrests/Security at 474 Elgin)	R. Drummond: Is there an arrest plan, CID and processing plan? Courts and MAG are asking those questions? R. Lucas: In initial drafts, it was only addressed as a potential and looking at contingencies. Now, we are doing another reassessment. It will be intel-based and there are no plans for massive arrests unless these fringed groups go radical on us. From what I understand, if the truckers don't abide by the code of conduct they signed, they will not get reimbursed for their expenses (not public knowledge). So that is playing in our favour. It will come down to what fringe elements show up and in what capacity. M. Patterson: Assuming it's in operational plan that we will not do massive arrests, if there are one-offs with these arrests, teams will come in, it's in operational plan to say there will be arrests, but with caveat that it's in contingency plan that if officers can't get into police station because there are barricading trucks on the road, as to where these officers are going to bring the suspects in. MAG is asking that question. R. Drummond: MAG asking about dealing with TPAs or arrests, these people are from out of town, we will be show-causing, it is the weekend, will more staffing be needed in courts and Crowns. Probably tough question to answer. R. Lucas: REDACTED the main trucker organizers are cooperative and are pro-police for the most part. They are making an effort to ensure we have emergency lanes and things like that. So based on this, there will not be doing massive arrests. Any individual arrest, there will be prior consultation with the Incident Command before making an arrest. An arrest will only be made when there is an immediate or imminent threat to public safety where we have to take action. Other than that, we will be relying on the EGT and do follow-up after the fact (same as with other demos). We are looking at what our options are. There is a contingent looking at security around 474 and maintaining access there which was added to the PLT discussion pieces. R. Drummond: Would we have the same in place at the court house? R. Lucas: Problem of Laurier, Elgin, Lyon, all downtown. We are trying to designate tow outer lanes as free flow zones for emergency vehicles. Barrels/cones going up tonight or first thing tomorrow to restrict traffic to those two centre lanes, but it will be assessed as we go and dependent on volume and public safety impacts. Kevin has already provided the answer to MAG, if they don't get an answer they want from one person, they will go to someone else, which is creating a bit of an issue. R. Drummond: Reached out to Brian Holowka saying we don't have any reason to believe massive arrests will happen, but as things evolve, we will deal with it. C. Brown: REDACTED REDACTED M. Patterson: Valid point from Cathy. Russell kind of addressed it in the operational plan, but for M.A. Sheehy and Command Centre, discussion with DC Bell this AM to ensure we have those resources secured in case that actually happens. R. Lucas: Messaging went out to CID Staff Sergeants this morning, that any investigators (east/west and any others) on duty will support them and information requested from Executive was that an advisory go out to all members that that if things start to go south, they are expected to have their uniforms and their duty gear ready to go. That message should come out through Executive to the Superintendents distributed to chain of command hopefully by end of the day. We can build upon, but it has to be sustainable. The main group may leave, but we will see hundreds of trucks if not thousands who will stay here, they don't have jobs to go back to, they have a \$5M kitty to draw from. So we can't throw all our resources in at the beginning and still be sustainable to the end. Also, we are not going to be

	arresting for breaking windows. We will not be arresting people for breaking windows. We will have evidence-gathering teams. We will make the arrests for those at a later date. The message in all our briefings is our number 1 priority is public safety. We will not put our members at risk as we have a finite number of resources. Message has gone out to other police agencies about their long-term support for contingencies if needed if it becomes a prolonged event. We are planning as much as possible, but until Intel says we are at a much higher risk with fringe groups engaging in social disorder, then best practice from past events is to stick with that format. C. Brown: Follow-up question, if they are arrested, is there something set up regarding levels, or is it going to be catch and release or everything will be dealt with as it comes? R. Lucas: It will be dealt with as it comes. If it happens while I am the Incident Commander, if it's a catch and release, we are not arresting. We need to be strategic about the safety of the public and our members based on crowd dynamics and available resources. M. Patterson: With regards to operational plan and overall process to not arrest, has that been communicated to our members? R. Lucas: It will be covered in the briefings before.
COMMAND CENTRE/COMMUNICATIONS CENTRE	M.-A. Sheehy: Great briefing, thank you for information which I will pass on. M. Patterson: Who will be Duty Inspector Friday, Saturday and Sunday. M.-A. Sheehy: Schedule is: Russ during the day at NCRCC; Debbie during the day in the field; I will be in the field during afternoon time and Isabelle Lemieux will be at NCRCC during the afternoon. R. Lucas: In addition to the regular duty inspector overseeing operations in the city – Frank D'Aoust on days and Jamie Harper at night. R. Bernier: We are still working on getting staffing and we are struggling, we are doing our best. We are barely getting up to normal numbers with the requests for overtime. We are working on that and will update Russell with fixed numbers for channels. Need to know if two channels need to be monitored. A second channel was asked by Kevin. R. Lucas: Will defer to Kevin. K. Kennedy: Already cleared that with Eric Janis – we will not monitor second one. The second one is for backup – only one channel will be monitored. R. Bernier: Is there an actual incident number assigned to this to link calls and reports to main event number. K. Kennedy: Incident number assigned: 22-175557 R. Bernier: From Command Centre perspective, we are fully staffed. Confirmed that two sergeants/two constables during peak periods who will extend if needed. Split the teams in two, one sergeant and one constable line of site, ready to support however is needed through lines of communications from event port and other sergeant/constable team will focus on operations of the city feeding into Operations Commander. Other question from Comm Centres folks and having meeting with shift managers this afternoon – concerned about relief getting into the station. I am telling them there is nothing to indicate otherwise. Russell, are there concerns around 474? I want to give them peace of mind that they will be able to access building. R. Lucas: Access to station is being monitored/managed between PLT and resource on the day of. Additional plans and reviews will be put together by Fixed Shift Inspector who is working on that separately, but part of our plan. R. Bernier: Risk of sustainability within Comm Centre for Police Communicators who come from Quebec side. If that is shut down, we may lose those folks being able to get in. Day shift people may have to work longer hours. R. Lucas: Treat it like a snowstorm, expect delays, plan accordingly. Vast majority convoys have kept emergency lane open. They just want to get their message out. The issue is who else will show up on Saturday. K. Kennedy: Worse case scenario, easy solution is to park at Museum and walk over and we will pay for their parking. I don't think anyone will be physically impeded from getting into building, it's more the vehicles. C. Rheume: Tell them to take the least impacted bridge, Champlain Bridge.

	R. Bernier: Champlain Bridge is the one that links up to SJAM? K. Kennedy: It is, but they will leave Island Park open.
ROUNDTABLE	M. Patterson: Appreciates hard work done by everyone. C. Brown: Is there a website directing people to look at traffic, blockages, etc. R. Drummond: There is the app Waze. R. Lucas: The one you are referring to is the Twitter handle from City Traffic Management and they will be monitoring and posting online. REDACTED R. Drummond: Question from deputy regarding overloading cell phone network, any concerns R. Lucas: Actually identified in SIS report indicating concern about impacts. Behind in emails (1=6) Ongoing conversations with Eric Janis. Command called this AM and Chief has had outreach from Bell and we're trying to see if there is anything we can do. Motorola offered boosters for radio network. Not sure what status is. R. Drummond: Any public message going out in case that happens? R. Lucas: Lots of messaging out from City and us, would have to see if something has gone already been. Have read it in a few things. R. Bernier: Eric Janis will only have handle line of sight on radios and we have no concerns from radio standpoint, on separate network. Telecoms with André Degagné and Anne Beatty would be contacts for cell phone capacity. M. Patterson: Russell, for tasking? R. Lucas: Was tasked out this AM, not sure what actions have been taken. Was part and parcel of same conversation re Motorola providing boosters, exploring those things. Will update tomorrow. R. Drummond: Will get Paula to set up meeting scheduled for 1330 hours and to invite Frank D'Aoust (Operations Commander for the day) M.-A. Sheehy: Made aware there is parking lot on Coventry (Lynx Stadium) that will be cleared up for trucks and maybe another lot at Frank Kenny and Rockdale Road: Point out there are two fire stations across from those lots a courteous call or plan to be in place for both in case there is a lot of traffic and the firetrucks need to get out. R. Lucas: Has been part of Traffic meetings. C. Rheaume to confirm part of plan. D. Palmer: 2 things: As Hospital Liaison officer, hospital concerns re: possible plans of blocking some hospitals. Directions given as to where the bigger hospitals are. Told them to keep watch on media. If there is anything regarding hospitals, to let me know. Will boots be on the ground Friday, Saturday and Sunday? R. Lucas: A complement will be deployed on Friday. Friday is scalable, Traffic and NRT resources will be available, we will monitor and assign as needed on Friday. All NRTs assigned to work the three days, they will be staying in their sectors until they are needed and will deal with things as we know they are coming with OPP and other partners. D. Palmer: So M.-A. and are just needed on Saturday and Sunday. R. Lucas: As it stands now, correct. M. Patterson: Are hospitals on INTERSECT group?

	K. Stuurop: They are part of the L-1s, so they only get the general information we would see in the newspaper. Were not on the calls today. M. Patterson: Kim to talk to Debbie and Cam to see if there is something to be put out to L1 partners, hospitals, if feasible.
Next Meeting	Friday, January 28, 2022 at 1330 hrs (previously scheduled at 10:00)